



## School Assignment Update

To: Joel D. Boyd, Superintendent of Schools  
From: Latifah Phillips, Chief Equity and Engagement Officer  
Date: October 28, 2021  
Re: School Assignment Update

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This memo is submitted as a follow up to the *Preparing for School Reporting - Enrollment Update* presentation at the Special School Committee Meeting on September 23, 2021 and the *Enrollment Report* memo submitted on October 1, 2021.

On September 23, 141 students were reported as pending school assignments based on medical non-compliance with immunization requirements. In order to meet the October 1 state reporting deadline, medically non-compliant students were assigned to schools yet barred from attending until receiving medical clearance. On October 1, the final medically non-compliant student count was 112 students. This count includes additional students who registered between September 23 through October 1 as well as reflects the removal of four (4) students with duplicate files.

Based on a data report pulled from the Aspen student information system on October 27, 2021, out of the 112 students identified on October 1 to be medically non-compliant, three (3) students are still awaiting medical clearance in order to attend school, 97 are currently attending, 11 transferred out of Lowell Public Schools, and one (1) student has been medically cleared but not attending school (see chart 1).

**Chart 1**

| Medically Non-compliant Students Leading up to October 1 | Count |
|--|-------|
| Attending School   | 97    |
| Transferred (out of Lowell Public Schools)               | 11    |
| Waiting on vaccination translation                       | 2     |
| Waiting on vaccination appointment                       | 1     |
| Not in school but medically cleared to attend            | 1     |

At the Special School Committee Meeting on September 23, a total of 394 students were reported as placed within the Family Resource Center (FRC) category on the enrollment report. While many students within the FRC category were awaiting a PreK-12 school assignment, a portion of students within this category were pre-K applicants awaiting an opening for a full-time seat (see chart 2). Also, as the placement data changes based on the time of day the data is pulled, the final number of students pending enrollment on September 23 was 393.

**Chart 2**

| <b>Pending Enrollment Requirement</b>   | <b>Number of Students<br/>As of Thursday, 9/23/21</b> |
|---|---|
| <b>Only Immunization verification</b>   | 76  |
| <b>Only English Language Testing</b>    | 9   |
| <b>Both Immunization and EL Testing</b> | 65  |
| <b>Student Records (high school)</b>    | 10  |
| <b>No Documents</b>                     | 31  |
| <b>PreK + EC</b>                        | 100   |
| <b>Other</b>                            | 15  |
| <b>Assignment Pending</b>               | 50/37*  |

\*As of Sept. 23, 50 students were assigned a school and awaiting a data system upload officially pulling them onto the assigned school's roster; 37 students had been cleared for an assignment to a school roster

Of the 393 students in the FRC category on September 23, ultimately 278 were given a PreK-12 assignment within the district, 73 remain on the list as preK waitlist applicants, 32 transferred out of Lowell Public Schools, three (3) were transitioned to the Special Education "out of district" or "Special Education" categories, one (1) was transitioned to the "home school" category, two (2) have extenuating family circumstances which are delaying their assignment to Lowell High School and four (4) duplicate student registrations were removed. Chart 3 below reflects the assignments by school.

**Chart 3**

| <b>School</b>                  | <b>Number of students placed<br/>from Sept 23 report</b> |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Bailey Elementary School       | 9  |
| Bartlett Community Partnership | 3  |

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Butler Middle School                      | 2          |
| Cardinal O'Connell Early Learning Center  | 4          |
| Greenhalge Elementary School              | 9          |
| Lincoln Elementary School                 | 24         |
| Lowell High School                        | 4          |
| McAuliffe Elementary School               | 15         |
| McAvinnue Elementary School               | 8          |
| Moody Elementary School                   | 13         |
| Morey Elementary School                   | 3          |
| Murkland Elementary School                | 38         |
| Pawtucketville Memorial Elementary School | 5          |
| Pyne Arts Magnet School                   | 1          |
| Reilly Elementary School                  | 16         |
| Robinson Middle School                    | 27         |
| Rogers STEM Academy                       | 25         |
| Shaughnessy Elementary School             | 15         |
| Stoklosa Middle School                    | 13         |
| Sullivan Middle School                    | 21         |
| Wang Middle School                        | 10         |
| Washington Elementary School              | 13         |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>278</b> |